

— Capsule Summary
SM-534
Joseph Edward Spalding House
Leonardtown
Private

c. 1943

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SM-534, Joseph Edward Spalding House
St. Mary's County
Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization:	Western Shore
Chronological/Developmental Period:	Industrial Urban Dominance, 1870-1930
Historic Period Theme:	Architecture

Resource Type

Category:	Building
Historic Environment:	Town
Historic Function and Use:	Residence
Known Design Source:	None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. SM-534

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic The Joseph Edward Spalding House

and/or common

2. Location

.05 miles east of Washington St., near Leonardtown Wharf
street & number ☐ not for publication

city, town Leonardtown ☐ vicinity of congressional district 3

state Maryland county St. Mary's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Thomas Richard and Marilyn Delores Collier

street & number 168 Morgan Road telephone no.: 301-373-5007

city, town Hollywood state and zip code Maryland 20636

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse liber EWA 1068

street & number folio 416

city, town Leonardtown state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 1

The Joseph Edward Spalding House is located 50 yards east of Washington Street down a dirt road near Leonardtown wharf. Oriented on a north/south axis and situated on a south sloping 1/4 acre lot, the dwelling commands views of Breton Bay and is surrounded on three sides by other modestly sized homes and a small field to the west.

Constructed in 1943, the Spalding House is a frame, one-and-a-half story dwelling with a gable roof covered with asphalt shingles. Resting on a brick pier and cinder block foundation, the entire building is clad with aluminum siding. The roof is pierced by two gable dormer windows and two interior brick chimney flues. The gable roof changes to a lower pitch as it reaches the lower part of the dwelling and extends over a front and rear porch. Both of these porches have been enclosed. The front, or south, elevation features two front doors flanked on either side by paired, eight light casement windows. The site also contains a non-contributing garden shed with a shed roof.

This dwelling received only mid-level documentation due to the large number of historic resources in Leonardtown.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒A ☐B ☒C ☐D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐A ☐B ☐C ☐D ☐E ☐F ☐G

Level of Significance: ☐national ☐state ☒local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

In 1942 Joseph Edward Spalding purchased a 1/4 acre tract from B. Kennedy Abell, et al (the heirs of Enoch B. Abell). The very next year Spalding built the dwelling on a south sloping lot that commanded expansive views of Breton Bay. The dwelling remained under Spalding ownership until 1996. While the building has been altered, the Spalding House still represents a significant example of inexpensive cottages constructed in St. Mary's County during the mid-twentieth century.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. SM-534

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 11,196 sq. ft.Quadrangle name Leonardtown, MdQuadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone	Easting							Northing	

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Same as per deed reference.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kirk E. Ranzetta, Historic Sites Surveyororganization St. Mary's County Planning and Zoning date November 1996street & number 328 Washington Street telephone 301-475-4662city or town Leonardtown state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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St. Mary's County
8.1 Significance

Chain of Title

(All deeds are located at the Land Records Office, St. Mary's County Courthouse, Leonardtown, Maryland unless otherwise noted.)

Reference: Liber EWA 1068, Folio 416

Grantee: Thomas Richard and Marilyn Delores Collier

Grantor: James F. Spalding and Virginia S. Gibson

Date: June 26, 1996

Note: The deed notes that the one-and-a-half story dwelling was constructed in 1943. It also notes that the tract contains 1/4 acre and sold for \$59,000.

Reference: Liber MRB 383, Folio 2

Grantee: James F. Spalding and Virginia S. Gibson

Grantor: James F. Spalding and Virginia S. Gibson--executors for Mildred Rose Spalding

Date: October 29, 1987

Reference: Liber DBK 197, Folio 277

Grantee: Mildred Rose Spalding

Grantor: Joseph Edward Spalding and Virginia S. Gibson

Date: September 17, 1973

Reference: Liber DBK 174, Folio 216

Grantee: Joseph Edward Spalding and Virginia S. Gibson

Grantor: Mildred Rose Spalding

Date: January 4, 1972

Reference: Liber DBK 163, Folio 317

Grantee: Mildred Rose Spalding

Grantor: Joseph Edward Spalding

Date: October 30, 1970

Reference: Liber CBG 74, Folio 173

Grantee: Joseph Edward Spalding

Grantor: Mildred Rose Spalding

Date: April 28, 1958

Reference: Liber CBG 16, Folio 330

Grantee: Mildred Rose Spalding

Grantor: Joseph Edward Spalding

Date: September 8, 1944

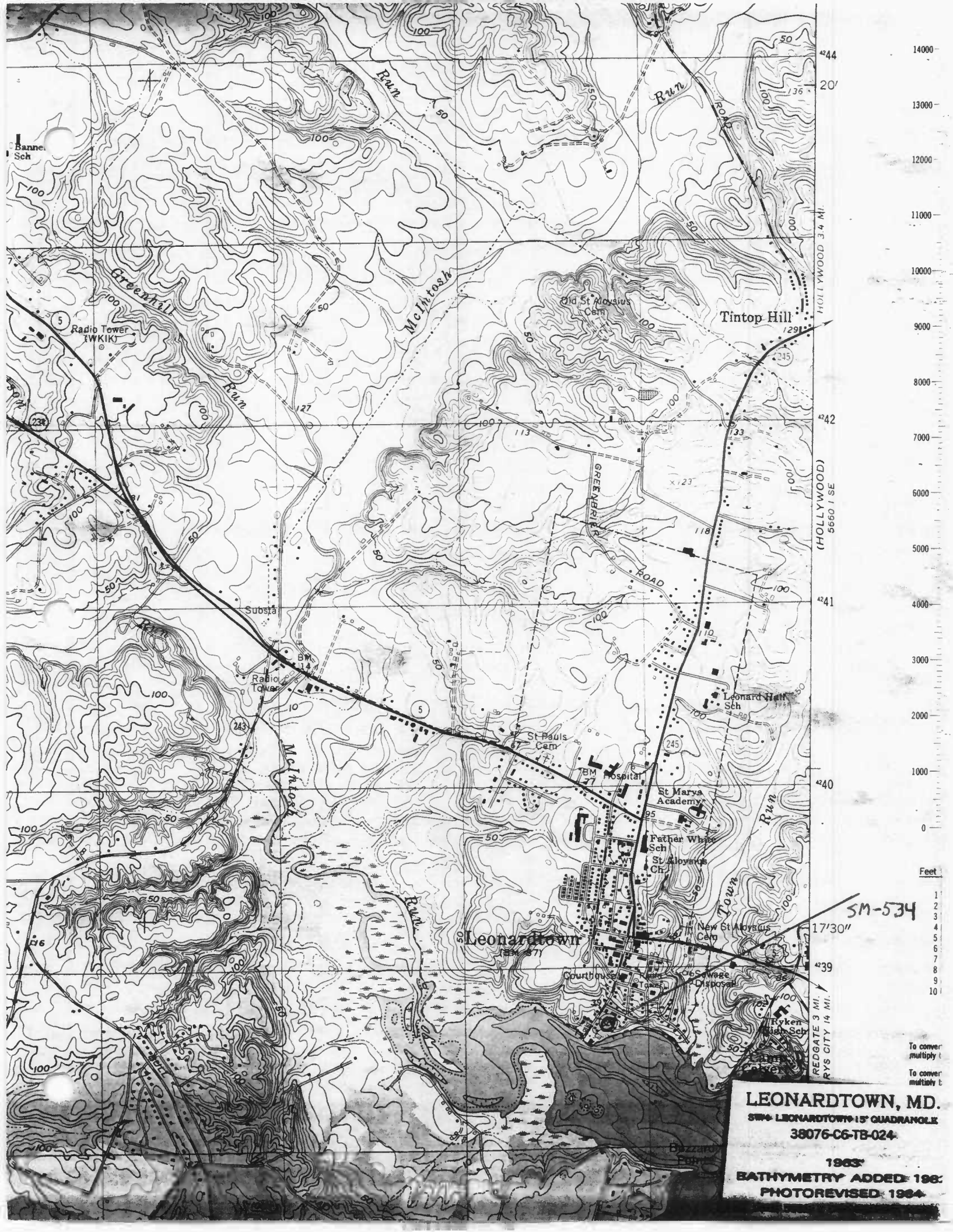
Reference: Liber CBG 16, Folio 533

Grantee: Joseph Edward Spalding

Grantor: B. Kennedy Abell, et al

Date: August 29, 1942

Note: Joseph Spalding purchases the property from the heirs of Enoch B. Abell. The parcel is 1/4 of an acre.



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Joseph Edward Spalding House

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Rich. P. Smith

1810, 1/2

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